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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BATES SELECTED ACTING CHAIR OF HPER

CHARLESTON, IL--Robert Bates of Charleston, Assistant Professor of Health Studies at Eastern Illinois University since 1988, has been named Acting Chair of the Department of Health Studies.

Bates replaces Martin Reed, Department Chair since 1984, who has returned to teaching full-time in Eastern's College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

He will oversee 11 full-time and five part-time faculty and 152 undergraduate health studies majors.

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EIU bachelor's degree programs in health studies (community health option), physical education (athletic training option), and recreation administration (therapeutic recreation option) are among 28 degree programs at the University recently approved for expansion by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities as funds become available.

Bates received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where he taught Advanced Driver Education for four years.

Most recently Bates was Associate Professor of Safety in the Department of Safety Science and Technology at Central Missouri State University. He joined the CMS faculty in 1981 as Assistant Professor of Safety.

He has worked with Ford Motor Company in evaluating their Defensive Driving Program and with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in reviewing their Emergency Vehicle Operation Course Curriculum. He has also led winter driving workshops for the National Safety Council.

At Eastern, Bates has played a key role in health studies curriculum development and is currently revising the course content of "Principles of School Safety" and "Principles of Accident Prevention."

He is public education co-chair for the local chapter of the American Cancer Society and consultant to the Coles County Association for the Retarded regarding Driver Education services for clients.

He and his wife, Kathleen, a speech pathologist for the Arcola School District, have four children: Christopher, 8; Mark, 6; Katie, 4; and Brian, 2.

NOTE TO EDITOR (Jefferson Park Leader): Robert Bates is the son of Dr. Alvin and Evelyn Bates of Chicago.